<u>**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**</u>

Please replace paragraph [0079] with rewritten paragraph [0079]:

[0079] As shown in Fig. 2, a router 1 has a CPU (central processing unit) 30, a RAM (random access memory) 32, a ROM (read only memory) 33, and an external storage device 34 (hard disk etc.) that are connected to the <u>CPU 30</u> ~~CPU30~~ through a bus 31. The router 1 further has a network interface 35 that controls communication input/output.

Please replace paragraph [0080] with rewritten paragraph [0080]:

[0080] Management programs pursuant to the flowcharts of Fig. 8 through Fig. 10, Fig. 13, and Fig. 15 are stored ~~in~~ <u>on a computer-readable medium or memory such as</u> the ROM 33. <u>That is, a computer-readable medium or memory may include the ROM 33, the RAM 32 or other external storage device 34.</u> The CPU 30 manages the resource by executing the management programs. Tables 6 to 9 shown in Fig. 1 are secured as fixed areas in the RAM 32, the external storage 34, etc.